योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री और गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम : (क) गुजरात में नये एक मुश्त कार्यक्रम के नाम से कोई कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वित नहीं किया जा रहा है।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Projection an Intation *during* Eighth Five Tear Han

2627. BOSS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 600 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4-5-1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission have projected the inflation rate in 1992-93 at 10 percent and- the objective is to bring it down to 7.5 to 8 percent by the end of the 8th Plan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in case the inflation rate during 1992-93 is not brought down by 2 to 3 percent from the present level, there will be a big erosion in resources in real terms and it will be very difficult to implement the programmed development work in 1993-94; and

(c) if so, what specific steps Government propose to take in this regard to bring down the inflation rate to the desired level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMFLEMEN-, TATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONViaNTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No projections are made for inflation in tile Plan, in the sense that the resources and investment projections are in real terms. However, it is expected that it will be possible to contain the average rate of inflation during the Eighth Plan period about 5 per cent per year, given the realisation of growth rates projected in the plan.

(b) It is desirable to bring down the rate of inflation during 1992-98 and after, in order to protect the resources in meal terms and also to protect the interests of the poor and the weak.

(c) Government has been taking a number of measures to bring down inflation. Some of the more important measures are reducing the fiscal deficit, containing the growth of money supply and ensuring adequate supply of essential commodities. Government will be continuing these efforts at containing inflation.

Industrial Development of Maharaslitra

2628. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHAN DRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of PLANING AND PROG RAMME Implementation be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes have been submitted for ensuring accele rated industrial development of the backward regions of Vidarbha, Marathwada etc., during the last year;

(b) if so, what are the salient fea tures thereof and the central aid, if any sought therefor;

(c) whether the schemes have been approved; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Bases of Export Growth rate

2629. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state;

(a) what are the grounds on which the Planning Commission bases its optimistic estimate of export growth rate rising to 13.6 per cent;

(b) whether it is much lower than the Government's expectation; and

(c) if so, whether the deficit would be met by further borrowing from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The estimate of export growth for the Eighth Plan is based partly on past experience and partly on the export growth required to keep the current account deficit at manageable levels.

(b) The Government expects exports to grow more or less as projected.

(c) Question does not arise.

Position of Tamil Nadu in Regard *to* Removal of Regional imbalance

2630. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what was the position, of Tamil Nadu in regard to removal of regional imbalances compared to other States at the end of Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to remove regional imbalances during Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) As per the quick estimates, at the end of the 7th Plan (1989-90), the per capita net State Domestic product of Tamil Nadu at constant (1980-81) prices was slightly lower than the national average. In the 8th Plan, the growth strategies envisaged for various sectors and particularly for the employment, agriculture and industrial sectors aim at reducing regional imbalances.

The responsibility for development of a particular region rests primarily with the State Government concerned. In this, the Central Government helps the States, including Tamil Nadu, through the mechanism of transfer of resources under the modified formula, previously known as 'Gadgil formula', Special Area Programmes and devolu. tion of non-plan resources by the Finance Commission.

Removal of regional imbalances is an essential objective of the planning process. However, implementation of this objective is tempered by certain inherent, historic and other character-sties of region such as differences in resource endowment disparties in availability of infrastructural facilities physiographic factors and geographical conditions.

The concept of Agro-climatie zone Planning

2631. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:
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Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any progress in imbibing the concept of agro-climate zone planning in our planning system particularly in the matter of planning for rural development;

(b) if so, how long we have gone in this respect in case of the Eighth Five Year Plan and what are the details thereof; and

(G) if not, what are the reasons for sot embarking on this aspect and by when it is likely to fee made an integral part of our planning system?